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"UNITED STATES OF EUROPE"

Mr. Churchill Issues A Clarion Call Warning: Time May Be Short

Zurich, Sept. 19.
Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime leader, who is on holiday in Switzerland, today called for a United States of Europe in which the first step must be a partnership between France and Germany. "In this way only can France recover her moral and cultural leadership of Europe," he declared.

Mr. Churchill, who spoke on the "tragedy of Europe" at the Zurich University, said that the structure of the United States of Europe would be such as to make the material strength of a single state less important. Small nations shall count as much as large ones.

In all this urgent work, he said, France and Germany must take the lead together with Great Britain, the "Mighty America" and British Commonwealth. "I trust, Soviet Russia," for then indeed all would be well.

The first practical step would be to form a Council of Europe. Mr. Churchill added the warning that time might be short.

"The atomic bomb is still only in the hands of a state and nation which we know will never use it except in the cause of right and freedom," he declared, "but it may well be that in a few years this supremacy of destruction will be widespread and the catastrophe following from its use by several warring nations will not only bring to an end all that we call civilisation but may possibly disintegrate the globe itself."

"At present there is a breathing space. Fighting has stopped but dangers have not stopped. If we are to form a United States of Europe or whatever name it may take, we must begin now."

"Quivering Masses"

Mr. Churchill began his speech, which was broadcast overseas, with reference to the "quivering masses of tormented, hungry, careworn and bewildered human beings" in the ruined cities of Europe—this noble continent comprising the whole of the fairest and most cultivated regions of the earth, the fountain of the Christian faith and Christian ethics.

"If Europe were once united in the sharing of its common inheritance, there would be no limit to happiness, prosperity and glory, which its three or four hundred million people would enjoy. Some of the smaller nations had made a good recovery but the vast masses scanned 'dark horizons'."

Dr. Weizmann Denounced By Stern Gang

Jerusalem, Sept. 19.
Five armed men this morning got away with diamonds worth £6,000 when they raided the offices of Exporters Association of Palestine in the centre of Tel-Aviv.

The men are believed to be members of the Iron Zvai Leumi terrorist organisation. Stern gang leaders, in Hebrew, stuck up on walls and in buildings in Jerusalem overnight, declared: "Neither Mr. Attlee, Azam Pasha (Secretary-General of the Arab League) nor Dr. Weizmann (President of the Jewish Agency) can decide the fate of Jewish Palestine."

Denouncing Dr. Weizmann and Dr. David Ben Gurion, Chairman of the Jewish Agency, who is now in Paris, the posters declared that neither they nor any other Jews "who may be about to take part in the London Conference" have the right to speak for the people of Israel.

"Their decision will not be recognised," it is reported.

for the approach of some new tyranny or terror."

Mr. Churchill added: "Indeed but for the fact that the great republic across the Atlantic had the strength to realise that the ruin or enslavement of Europe would involve their own fate as well and stretched out the hands of succor and guidance—but for that, the dark ages would have been restored in all their cruelty and squalor."

"Among the victors there is a babel of voices, among the vanquished a sullen silence of despair. That is all that Europeans gathered in so many ancient states and nations, that is all that Germanic races have got by tearing each other to pieces and spreading havoc far and wide."

A Remedy

"Yet all the while there is a remedy which if it were generally and spontaneously adopted by the great majority of people in many lands would as if by a miracle transport the whole scene and would in a few years make all Europe or a greater part of it as free and as happy as Switzerland is today."

"What is that sovereign remedy? It is to recreate the European fabric or as much of it as we can and to provide it with a structure under which it can dwell in peace, safety and freedom. We must form a kind of United States of Europe. In this way only will hundreds of millions be able to regain the simple joys and hopes which make life worth living."

"The League of Nations did not fail because of its principles or conceptions. It failed because those principles were deserted by states which had brought it into being, because the government of those states feared to face facts and act while the time remained. This disaster must not be repeated."

"I was very glad to read in the newspapers a few days ago that my friend, President Truman, had expressed his interest and sympathy with this great design. There is no reason why a regional organisation of Europe should in any way conflict with the world organisation of the United Nations."

"Let Europe Arise"

Mr. Winston Churchill ended with the words: "I say to you, 'let Europe arise.'"

He was introduced to his audience by a spokesman for the Zurich University, who greeted him in German with "We can hardly express our pride and joy at having him with us today."

Mr. Churchill's speech was delivered with his customary deliberation and was followed by his audience without interruption but at the end there was a great burst of applause.—Reuter.

RANGOON GAOL BREAK

Rangoon, Sept. 19.
The 22 convicts who escaped at midnight on Tuesday from the Rangoon central gaol and not the Insan gaol, it was authoritatively stated today.

The casualties among the convicts now total four killed and two seriously wounded.

The number of police strikers in Burma has swollen to 6,000 including 8,500 in Rangoon.

There is a complete strike in Pyawon and a partial strike in 15 other districts, while the remaining 22 districts are unaffected.

The postal strike has spread to Mandalay and five other towns. It is reported.

SUN SPOTS?

New York, Sept. 19.
Continued interruption by manholes of the trans-Atlantic radio and cable operations have been reported by communications firms and radio listening posts today.—Associated Press.

Ho Hum!

Shanghai, Sept. 19.
Another Shanghai body has sent a telegram to Nanking urging that China open negotiations immediately with Britain for the rendition of Kowloon.

A strong attack on the Hong Kong Government's statement to the press, to the effect that it was inaccurate to say that China still held jurisdiction over Kowloon City, was made by Wang Chu-i, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Branch of the Foreign Affairs Association, when he announced the despatch of the telegram to Nanking.

All unequal treaties were abolished at the end of the war, said Mr. Wang, and as the lease of Kowloon was "based on an unequal treaty," the territory should be returned to China.

Mr. Wang called on the Chinese press to launch a campaign against Britain, urging her to discontinue what he called her "wrong foreign policy" and to preserve the cooperation that existed between the two countries during the war.—Our Own Correspondent.

Copenhagen, Sept. 18.
The Chairman of the Danish Provincial Chamber of Commerce stated today that export restrictions are expected to be modified shortly. Restrictions on 60 items will be lifted completely and partly on 30 others. He added that the value of products involved was small.—Reuter.

Civil Disobedience In Palestine

Jerusalem, Sept. 18.
Jewish municipalities, local councils and community councils throughout Palestine took the first step in their "civil disobedience" campaign when they held public meetings here this afternoon to allocate £900,000 of their yearly budget to finance Jewish immigration.

The campaign is meant as a protest against the round-up by the British at the end of June of Jewish Agency leaders, and their subsequent detention.

A Jewish Agency spokesman described the meetings as "a political action whereby these bodies will identify themselves with all kinds of immigration, legal or illegal."

The municipality of Tel-Aviv is expected to allocate £25,000 and the Jewish National Council £30,000.

The Palestine Government, it is learned, has sent a note to the National Council asking for an amplification and clarification of their recent resolution for raising funds for the immigration, and adding that the Government would have to go into the whole question.

It was officially announced today that Dr. Wolfson von Weizmann, Vienna-born Jewish Revisionist leader, has been released under police supervision on the 18th day of his hunger strike to protest against his detention without trial.

His release is due to medical reasons and he is liable to be detained again as soon as his health permits.

Dr. von Weizmann was arrested on June 20 and he underwent a 55-day hunger strike at the beginning of this month.—Reuter.

Canada Thanks Mr. Hill

Mr. J. Hill, who has just recently returned to the Colony to resume duty with the police, has received a highly complimentary letter from the Canadian Government for his unsparing work for fellow prisoners-of-war in Hong Kong and Japan.

Communicated through the Colonial Secretary, the letter reads:

"Sir—I am directed to inform you that the High Commissioner for Canada in the United Kingdom has asked that the deep appreciation of the Government and the people of Canada should be conveyed to you for the valuable service rendered by you when a prisoner-of-war to Canadian personnel in Hong Kong and Japan."

"This recognition refers in particular to your excellent work as a volunteer medical orderly during the dysentery epidemic in Argyll Street Camp."

ARCHBISHOP FOR TRIAL

Belgrade, Sept. 19.
The Yugoslav Government began preparations today for an indictment against Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac and plan to bring him to trial next week along with 12 other Catholic priests and six others charged with collaboration with the wartime "Ustachi" terrorist organisation.

Proceedings against the 18 defendants was halted previously when a prosecution witness linked the archbishop with an aide to Doctor Ante Pavelic, the puppet Premier who is still being sought by the Yugoslav Government.—Associated Press.

Arab Army Of 25,000 "Standing By"

(By Carter Davidson)
Jerusalem, Sept. 19.
Najada, most powerful of Palestine's three Arab armies, has placed itself at the disposal of the Arab Executive "for direction in combatting Jewish terrorism," reliable Arab sources reported.

This move followed last Friday's Jewish terrorist raid on the Ottoman Bank in the all-Arab city of Jaffa in which five Arabs lost their lives. Arab sources said that Mohammed Nimer Huwari, leader of the Najada, communicated with the Arab Executive that his forces were "ready to fight Jewish terrorism with all our strength since it has now moved directly against the Arabs."

Huwari, a leading lawyer in Jaffa, former teacher of mathematics and one-time rebel fighter during the 1936-39 uprising, recently told Associated Press, however, that "Najada is an army of defence. We will not attack the Jewish community but we will defend our lands from Jewish attacks."

The strength of the Najada is not definitely known, but it is estimated at close to 25,000 men—half of them with their own privately purchased arms.—Associated Press.

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NO FAMINE DANGER

Bombay, Sept. 19.
There is no danger of a famine this year in Bengal—the province where in 1943 1,500,000 people died of starvation—a Food Department official of the Bengal Government stated today.

"The coming two months—October and November—will however be an anxious period as the present food stocks are expected to last one month more while new crops will not be harvested till December," he added.—Reuter.

INDONESIA TRUCE TALKS

Batavia, Sept. 19.
Talks to arrange a truce in Indonesia will start tomorrow at the headquarters of the Allied forces in the Netherlands East Indies, it was authoritatively learnt here today.

The negotiators will be: British—Major-General J. F. G. Forman and Brigadier I. C. A. Laidler.

Dutch—Major-General D. H. Bourman van Veenendaal, Chief-in-Staff.

Indonesian—Major-General Soedibyo and Air Commodore Soedardjono.

Java—Colonel Simbalen and Lieutenant-Colonel Kawatimara.

Sumatra—Lieutenant-Colonel Soekandar of the Central Staff.—Reuter.

COMMUNISTS ARRESTED

Cawnpore, Sept. 19.
The police today arrested 94 people, including several members of the Communist Party, on charges of organising alleged strikes in mills and inciting workers to mob violence. Some prominent Communist leaders are reported to have gone underground and the police are making vigorous efforts to track them down.—Reuter.

Arabs Await Important Development

Jerusalem, Sept. 19.
An "important development" is expected in the Palestine Conference in London, Achmed Shukfari, Director of the Arab Office in Jerusalem, stated today.

The Palestine Arab newspaper "Al Difa and Fallastin," quoting M. Shukfari, said: "The Arab delegates in London have now come to realise the wisdom of the Palestine Arabs' refusal to participate."

Twenty-seven members of the Inner Zionist Council—the "High Command" of the Jewish Agency Executive—are meeting today in Jerusalem to reach what is expected to be a final decision on the question of Jewish participation in the Palestine conference.

Messages from London report that the spokesman of the Jewish Agency there stated that the Council was expected to assent today to the participation of Agency delegates in the conference.

The conference was not resumed in London today because the delegates of the Arab states have not yet completed their counter proposals to the Foreign Secretary's statement on the British plan for provincial autonomy for Palestine.

A Colonial Office spokesman said that it was hoped that the Arabs would be ready to resume negotiations.—Reuter.

Wallace To Keep His Mouth Shut

Washington, Sept. 19.
After seeing President Truman in a conference for over two hours last night, the United States Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Henry Wallace, announced that he would make no public statements or speeches until the Paris Conference was concluded.

Mr. Wallace read to newspapermen present a statement saying that he had reached this conclusion after a "most detailed and friendly discussion" with President Truman. This is taken to mean that in spite of Mr. Wallace's repeated criticism of the Government's foreign policy, President Truman has agreed to keep Mr. Wallace in the Cabinet.

"The President is very confident about peace with Russia," Mr. Wallace told reporters as he left the White House.

In a joint letter to President Truman, released by the White House last night, Mr. Robert Patterson, Secretary of War, and Mr. James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, said that there was no basis for the statement by Mr. Wallace that a school of military thought is advocating a "preventive war or attack on Russia now, before Russia has the atomic bomb."

No responsible officer in the Army or Navy has advocated or even suggested "a policy or plan of attacking Russia," the letter said.

"Muzzling"

No official news is available here as to Mr. Byrnes' reaction to the compromise hammered out at the unprecedented two and a half hour White House conference which ended in triumph for President Truman with the temporary "muzzling" of Mr. Wallace and what observers here are stressing above all—a victory for political expediency.

It is this expediency which is expected here to lead Mr. Byrnes to agree to the continued presence in the same Cabinet as himself of a man who radically contests his own and the President's foreign policies.—Reuter.

The Issue

New York, Sept. 19.
The "New York Times" today in a leader on the cabinet "armistice" between President Truman and Mr. Henry Wallace, said: "The issue is not free speech for Mr. Wallace. Mr. Wallace can take his case to the country without being a member of the cabinet."

"The issue is whether the American foreign policy can stand the strain and endure the confusion of two officials in the same cabinet, advocating contradictory foreign policies simultaneously."

The "New York Herald Tribune" said that Mr. Wallace's foreign policy statement "left him illegally attacking British imperialism in order to consign further large areas of the earth to the iron rule of totalitarian Communism.—Reuter.

TRIESTE STRIKES

London, Sept. 18.
Brigade radio reports that a strike was started today at a number of factories in Gorizia, one of the disputed frontier areas, whose future is being decided at the Paris conference. Two factories in Trieste were also stated to have come out.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

London, Sept. 19.
According to a BBC news bulletin, Paris Radio has broadcast a strong criticism by General De Gaulle of the new French draft constitution, which he said was likely to lead to a dictatorship and perpetuate the present system.—China Mail Monitor Service.

London, Sept. 19.
The London office of the Belgian Embassy, Belgium, told Reuters today that the Belgian light has been returned to the mystery of the missing ship master sailing overboard on a flight from Shannon Airport, Ireland to Galway, New Zealand.

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Fact-Finding Mission To China

(By "Paul Pry")

Gerald Samson, war correspondent for Reuters and author of several books, as well as a contributor to many magazines, arrived in Hong Kong by B.O.A.C. yesterday on a fact-finding mission to China.

Samson, one of the few journalists "experts on the Far East" who does really know his facts and figures, has returned to this part of the world to carry out an unbiased survey of affairs in China on behalf of the Liberal Party. He also represents the "News Chronicle."

He hopes to interview President Chiang Kai-shek and leading political figures in China as well as those "in the know" but who do not always hit the headlines in the newspapers of the world.

If he is invited by the Chinese Communists, he will also make a visit to Yenan. He leaves for Shanghai by a C.N.A.C. plane tomorrow.

Ban On Drug Films Urged

Hollywood, Sept. 19.
The Motion Picture Association was requested by the National Legion of Decency to reimpose the ban on films depicting illegal drug traffic.

Directors of the Association lifted the ban a week ago at the request of a studio which plans a film on the Treasury Department's Narcotics Division.

They changed the code to provide that illegal traffic "must not be portrayed in such a way as to stimulate either curiosity or interest concerning the use of or traffic in such drugs, nor shall a scene be approved which shows the use of illegal drugs or their effects in detail."

The code formerly never "illegal drug traffic must never as presenter."

Alonsoignor John J. McCafferty, Executive Secretary of the Legion of Decency, said: "Such films will have the most unwholesome effects morally and physically. Reports already indicate that several companies are planning dopo productions. A narcotics cycle may be in the offing."—Associated Press.

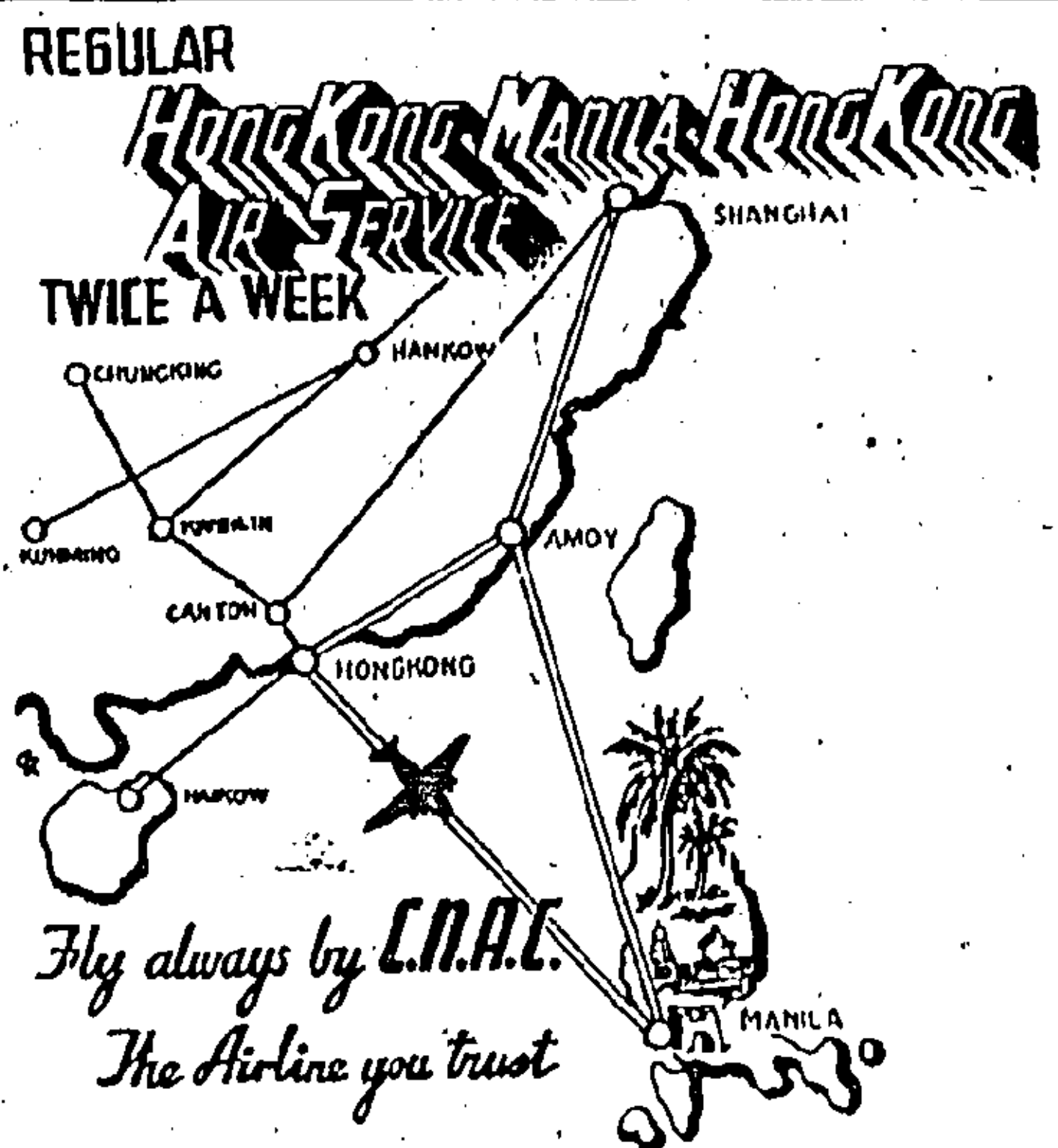
THE WEATHER

Pressure remains high over China and the N.E.I. A complex depression is moving NE across the Sea of Japan. A low pressure trough extends from Indo-China to the Marianas.

Forecast—Light to moderate E winds, fair and warm.

Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 83.8 deg. Fah. Minimum: 79.5 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity: 55%. Sunshine: 9.6 hours. Rainfall: Nil.

Marshall's, Sept. 18.
Alex Zany, the young French swimming champion, lowered his own European record for a 1000-metre free-style here today, covering the distance in 56.8 seconds, a tenth of a second better than his previous mark.—Reuter.



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Arab Move At UNO Conference

(By Michael Fry)
Lake Success, N. Y.
Sept. 18.

An indirect attempt to protect Arab interests in countries where refugees might be resettled was made by the Lebanese delegate, Dr. Charles Malik, today in a meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Council sub-committee dealing with the International Refugee organization.

Dr. Malik attempted to have the following amendment to the IRO constitution passed: "In case of the admission of refugees to trust territories, the wishes of the people in those territories should be taken into account."

This was opposed by the British delegate, Sir George Rendel, who pointed out that this would throw doubt on the responsibility of the countries holding trust territories to decide for themselves what should be done in those territories.

Sir George said that there was no machinery in the trust territories for determining exactly the wishes of "the people" as there might be a danger that sectional groups would hold different opinions.

The Lebanese amendment was lost.

Asked by Reuter whether, in proposing his amendment, he had Palestine particularly in view, Dr. Malik replied, "Obviously."

Broadcasts From The Moon Envisaged

Pittsburgh, Sept. 19.

The technical possibility of moon-to-earth broadcasts which would give mankind information now only conjectured about the moon has been advanced by a scientist who was an observer at the second Atomic-bomb explosion test at Bikini Atoll.

Of course, he said, broadcasts from the moon first involve getting to the moon, and for that Dr. J. Hutchesson is looking to the United States Army, which expects to build earth-to-moon rockets within 18 months.

Hutchesson, associated director of the Westinghouse research laboratories, said a radio transmitting set weighing less than 100 lb. including batteries could be placed in the rocket. This hermetically-sealed transmitter, although small, would have the power to send signals 240,000 miles from the moon to the earth via ultrashort waves.

To conserve the batteries, Dr. Hutchesson planned broadcasts for only one minute out of each hour. A rocket ascending at 4,000 miles an hour would take about 60 hours to reach the moon. The batteries would still have enough life to broadcast for several days from the moon itself.

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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



Now What



ANOTHER CANARD

London, Sept. 18. Authoritative quarters in London tonight said there is no truth in the Moscow and Warsaw reports that Polish troops in the Middle East are to be concentrated in Trans-Jordan.

In accordance with existing plans, these troops will be brought to the United Kingdom and demobilized into the Household Corps when all the Polish troops have been brought from Italy, it was stated.—Reuter.

Stratosphere Weather By Radio

Washington, Sept. 19.

The Russians recently began mass production of "a newly designed sounding instrument for obtaining information on stratosphere weather conditions by radio," says an article in the U. S. S. R. Information Bulletin.

The article declared that Soviet technicians had succeeded in producing a stratospheric-weather instrument that would rise "twice as high as the old ones." No further details were given.

The report also described these Soviet "developments in meteorology and other fields:

1. "A special instrument for measuring sea currents and transmitting information by radio." The report added "this instrument will be installed on buoys in the open sea, whence it will broadcast."

2. A new instrument called the "thermograph," described as a device for measuring sea temperatures.

3. New hydrometeorological apparatus for measuring and recording the speed and direction of wind, data on rain and direction and speed of clouds.

The report said Russia is blanketed by a network of hydrometeorological stations equipped to record and broadcast information.

"Some of these automatic stations have been operating for the last nine months," the report said.

"Not a single person has been near these instruments since the special expedition installed and sealed all of them nine months ago. These stations have a 370-mile radius of operation. They are designed to operate for one year without control."—Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.

It was announced at the Episcopal Convention that the successor to resigned Bishop Charles P. Reifsnider, of Japan, will be named in 1947.—Associated Press.

APPALLING CONDITIONS IN KIANGSU

Shanghai, Sept. 19.

Economic conditions in towns in northern Kiangsu wrested by the Nationalists from the Communists are appalling, according to first-hand reports reaching Shanghai.

Price levels are about 100 per cent above those prevailing in Shanghai. The shops are almost empty, and if a soldier walks through the streets carrying a piece of pork he is looked upon with envy.

The inhabitants are hopeful of an improvement in conditions because the return of the Nationalists has brought the re-captured towns within the system of communications leading to such trading centres as Hsuehchow, important rail junction in northern Kiangsu.

Farmers expect this to afford them a market for their produce next spring, while businessmen hope to find opportunities to augment their depleted stocks.

In fact, the enthusiastic welcome occasionally accorded the Nationalists—a welcome which has been much publicized in the pro-Kuomintang press—is based mainly on the people's hopes for a resurgence of their economic life.

Apathetic

On the whole, however, the rural population is apathetic towards "liberation" no matter by which side, because their lands have been overrun by so many contending armies in the past three decades that they hardly care who is fighting who, or display any interest in the military and political aims of the rival forces.

Naturally, though, they prefer peace to war. But war is not new to them and they are resigned to it with the same philosophical spirit which has made the Chinese farmer for centuries bear quietly the many ills to which he is heir.—Associated Press.

Control Of Atomic Peril

London, Sept. 18.

Professor M. L. Oliphant, of Birmingham University, addressing the Liberal Council, meeting in London on atomic energy, said the question of controlling raw materials was the most hopeful way to approach the problem.

Belgium had the largest supplies of uranium but she was not a member of the Atomic Commission. There were also large supplies in Canada, Brazil, India, the Netherlands East Indies, Australia and other places.

There was one in Britain and little in the United States.

It was not surprising in view of this that when the United States advocated the control of the raw materials the other nations should be suspicious.

Only countries with a big industrial background could carry out the segregation of Uranium 235 from Uranium 238. This was not always going to be the case.

Referring to use of atomic energy for industrial purposes, Professor Oliphant said Russia will solve the problem before Britain and America would solve it.—Reuter.

WEATHER PLANES

Washington, Sept. 19.

The U. S. Army Air Forces disclosed a plan to fly B-29 weather reconnaissance planes daily over the length of the Aleutian chain, beginning in about a month. Similar flights are being made daily over a 2,400-mile route from Mexico, California, to Anchorage, Alaska.—Associated Press.

Frankfurt, Sept. 18.

U. S. Military Government circles in Berlin today denied reports that negotiations were going on to incorporate East Germany, capital of Prussia, in the French zone of Germany. American sources here state.—Reuter.



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NOTICE

Owing to the rising costs of production, the price of the "China Mail" and the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald" as from October 1st, 1946, will be 20 cents per copy.

Local subscription: \$6.50 per month, for both papers.

Italy's Military Limitations

Paris, Sept. 19.

The Peace Conference Military Commission set its seal on the military limitations clauses in the Italian treaty, cutting the Italian fleet to 10 major ships and limiting the army to 250,000 officers and men.

The unanimous action lets Italy keep two battleships, four cruisers and four destroyers as well as minor units. The army's armament is restricted to 200 medium and heavy tanks.

Most of the surplus fleet will be distributed among the big powers, and the rest have been ordered destroyed.—Associated Press.

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COMMODORE OF P. & O. FLEET

Captain D. M. Stuart, who is well known to many thousands of pre-war passengers in the United Kingdom, India, Ceylon, the Far East and Australia, has been appointed Commodore of the P. & O. Fleet on the retirement of Captain J. A. Smith C.B.E.

Captain Stuart was born in 1889 at Kuala Lumpur in the Straits Settlements and served his apprenticeship in Devitt & Moore's trading ships, "Hawarrh" and "Port Jackson" from 1906 to 1909. He joined the P. & O. S. N. Co. as 5th Officer in June, 1909 and served in numerous P. & O. ships including the "Bancan," "Dongola," "Malta," "Pelawani" and the old "Moltan".

During the 1914-18 war he was torpedoed in the Mediterranean, while serving as 2nd Officer in the "Arabia" in 1916. After the close of the First World War, Captain Stuart was serving in the "Khyber" which was engaged in taking Belgian refugees back to their own country and for his part in this he received the Belgian decoration of the Order of the Crown with Silver Palm.

He was appointed Chief Officer in 1924 in the "Alphora" and subsequently served in the "Kashgar," "Kalyan," "Narkunda" and the new "Moltan". He was appointed Staff Commander in 1935, serving in that capacity in the "Strathaird" and subsequently in the "Strathgillan".

Captain Stuart served again in the "Strathaird" when in command from May to November 1939. He went to New York in 1940 for the conversion of the "Cathay" to an armed merchant cruiser, and was in command of her when, as one of the transports in the North Africa landings, she was bombed and sunk in the Gulf of Mexico on November 11, 1942. For his part in this operation Captain Stuart was awarded the D.S.O. On the sinking of the "Cathay" he and other survivors boarded the H.L. "Karanga" which was also bombed and sunk within twelve hours of the "Cathay's" sinking.

He was in command of the "Ranchi" as an armed merchant cruiser, from March 1943 to June 1944 and while he was in this vessel in December 1943, in convoy north of Benghazi she received a bomb directly down a hatch which, instead of exploding, was deflected by a steel wire and went out of the side of the ship; had the bomb exploded normally, it would in all probability have caused the loss of over 1,000 lives.

During June 1944-November 1945 he made one voyage in command of the "Canton" and was appointed Commander of the "Strathaird" in November 1945. Commodore Stuart's appointment as Captain of the P. & O. Fleet came in July 1946 and the Commodore's flag flew from his ship for the first time on his last home-ward voyage, when he reached Port Swettenham which was twenty miles from Kuala Lumpur, where he was born.

Captain Stuart is still in command of the "Strathaird" which will be returned to the P. & O. Company after reconditioning, early in 1947.

ROBBERY CONSPIRACY

Before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, Siu Yat and Lee Kau were charged for conspiracy to commit armed robbery and for possession of arms and ammunition.

Acting on information, Sub-Inspector G. A. Carruthers, and three Chinese detectives went to Castle Peak Road (about two miles from Pingshan Police Station) at 9 p.m. on Aug. 7, last. There they saw accused lying on the grass off the road. They arrested them and found loaded revolver and another loaded automatic pistol in the bush.

In statements to the police, first accused said that the arms belonged to them and that they intended to rob passengers by while second accused said that the first accused asked him to rob.

The departure of the United Kingdom Trade Mission to China has been postponed. Under the new arrangements made, the party will leave England for Hong Kong on September 21, arriving here on September 25. It is expected that they will stay in Hong Kong for two days before proceeding to Shanghai.

MANUFACTURERS GRATIFIED

Chinese manufacturers in the Colony were gratified with the news which reached here over the week-end that the Chinese Government had sanctioned a rehabilitation loan of \$4,000,000 to manufacturing and industrial concerns in Hong Kong where financial aid is needed to set up again.

Half the amount is said to have been allocated to the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers Association, who applied to the Chinese Government for financial assistance six months ago, and the other half to other industrial and agricultural enterprises in the Colony.

Early this week the Association circulated its members, numbering 230-odd, to send in particulars of their needs, so that total requirements may be pooled, and individual cases may be examined as to their merit.

The local agency for paying out the loan is the Bank of China, and on Wednesday its Hong Kong Manager, Mr. Cheng Tii-yu, addressed an Executive Committee meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on the objects and application of the loan.

Hotel Room Boy Kept A Brothel

A room boy of the "Stag" Hotel, No. 148, Queen's Road Central, was fined \$2,000 or six months' hard labour by Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for keeping a brothel on the fourth floor of the hotel.

Inspector S. Smith, who prosecuted, said that a police party led by Mr. E. C. Luscombe raided the hotel premises on Tuesday evening and found several Europeans inside rooms with Chinese girls. Accused admitted that he was responsible.

It is learned that the proprietor of the hotel may be charged with allowing the premises to be used as a brothel.

The forthcoming wedding of Capt. Peter Evisoy Kostiloff, of the H.Q. Land Forces, and Miss Isabella Reid, of Victoria, Australia, is announced.

Unmanifested Cargo A "Serious Offence"

Mr. E. Himsworth, Superintendent of the Import and Export Department, yesterday gave three reasons why the import and export of unmanifested cargo should be regarded as a serious offence, when he conducted the prosecution in a case against Chan Sang, charged with placing unmanifested cargo, 59 bags of rolled oats, on board the s.s. Hermilin on August 19.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios pleaded not guilty for the defence.

Revenue Officer J. E. Tocher, in evidence, said that at about 11 a.m. on August 19, he went on board the s.s. Hermilin lying in harbour and inspected the manifest. He found 59 bags of rolled oats on board not entered in the manifest.

The ship was due to leave for Swatow at 4 p.m. the same day. He detained the goods.

For the defence, Mr. Remedios said that his client was a new comer to the Colony and was ignorant of the law. On board, his client met a member of the compradore staff, who advised him to purchase rolled oats. He was told to deliver the goods on board and he left them, being charged three dollars freight for each bag. All necessary arrangements, Chan Sang, of the compradore, had agreed to carry out.

Reliable Figures

Addressing the Court, Mr. Himsworth said that of primary interest to the Import and Export Department in stopping such offences was that they prejudice the Statistical Office's obtaining reliable figures of the amount and nature of commodities moving in and out of the Colony.

At the present time when the

"That Government proposes to use premises requisitioned prior to 1st November 1946, to provide married quarters for civilians as well as Government servants and members of His Majesty's Forces and that it has given instructions to the Quartersing Authority to the effect that accommodation at present under requisition shall be allocated in an equitable manner as it becomes available" was stated by the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. R. R. Todd, when replying in Legislative Council yesterday to questions put by the Hon. Mr. R. D. Gillespie.

The Hon. Mr. Gillespie asked: (1) What Directives have been made by the Commander-in-Chief or the Senior Officer Commanding H.B.M. Forces under Article 5 of the Requisitioning Proclamation (Proclamation No. 20)?

(2) In view of the provisions of Sections 52 and 53 of the Defence Regulations 1940 as extended and adapted by Emergency Powers (Extension) Proclamation (Proclamation No. 30) have either the Military or the Civil Government authority to requisition land for the purpose of providing married quarters for

(a) Service personnel, or (b) Government servants in priority to civilian requirements?

Official Statement

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied: (1) Two directives regarding the requisitioning of lands and buildings were issued by the Commander-in-Chief during the Military Administration. The first was dated 15th November 1945, and was cancelled by the second which was issued on the 22nd January 1946. Both are long documents dealing

almost entirely with procedure. The texts of the directives are available in the Secretariat for inspection by any Honourable Member.

(2) It is not Government practice to express in answer to a question an opinion on the legal effect of any enactment which has not been construed by the Courts. Government is however prepared to state that it proposes to use premises requisitioned prior to the 1st November 1946, to provide married quarters for civilians as well as Government servants and members of His Majesty's Forces and that it has given instructions to the Quartersing Authority to the effect that accommodation at present under requisition shall be allocated in an equitable manner as it becomes available.

At yesterday's Legislative Council Meeting, the Budget Bill, providing for \$101,871,976, was read a Third time.

BAND CONCERT

The R.M. Band of the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, will make its first public appearance in the Colony today, when it will give a performance at Murray Barracks Football Ground from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Band will play a selection of marches and other popular music. Admission will be free and the public is invited to attend.

Scholars

Sir,—In the September 4 issue of your newspaper a Government Spokesman indignantly denied that 11 Hong Kong Scholars were stranded in Singapore en route for England; and, to indicate his good faith, defended the System which left them—not "stranded," mind you—kicking their heels for almost three weeks in Singapore, by a large promise that "arrangements have now been made for these students to be flown to England so that they will arrive before the end of September."

On September 16 they finally sailed aboard the "Britannic." That large promise "before the end of September" now shows itself as nothing more than a dim hope, a childlike trust, that the impossible would happen. The Malayan Tribune (quoted in your paper through Reuters) on the other hand, in its original statement that the students were virtually stranded, seems to have had a fair grasp of the situation, and faced it squarely, if somewhat too baldly for Government.

I think it were only reasonable now if Government Spokesman produce another statement, this time backed by a little solid fact, explaining why if arrangements were really made, they were unfruitful, and if he really thinks the students have any chance of reaching Universities in time for terminal session. The "Britannic" is probably scheduled in the shipping list, and its date of arrival and the comparative abilities of students to be punctual to term, allowing for delays with the Director of Colonial Students, could perhaps be computed with some accuracy by, let us say, a Government Actuary.

ACADEME.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Hearing of the case against Nimori Genichiro, charged with having committed War Crimes in Hong Kong, on the High Seas and at Shanghai, August 1945, will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

The case was adjourned like last Tuesday due to the indisposition of Mr. G. O. Stewart, President of the War Crimes Court.

Accused was cautioned, and the rolled oats, weighing 5,210 pounds, were ordered to be consigned.

BILLS

The following Bills which were before the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, were read a Second and Third time and passed into law:

A Bill intitled "An Ordinance to make better provision for the safety of places" declared to be protected places."

A Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1938."

A Bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend temporarily the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912" was read a Third time and passed into law at yesterday's Legislative Council Meeting.

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On September 16 they finally sailed aboard the "Britannic." That large promise "before the end of September" now shows itself as nothing more than a dim hope, a childlike trust, that the impossible would happen. The Malayan Tribune (quoted in your paper through Reuters) on the other hand, in its original statement that the students were virtually stranded, seems to have had a fair grasp of the situation, and faced it squarely, if somewhat too baldly for Government.

I think it were only reasonable now if Government Spokesman produce another statement, this time backed by a little solid fact, explaining why if arrangements were really made, they were unfruitful, and if he really thinks the students have any chance of reaching Universities in time for terminal session. The "Britannic" is probably scheduled in the shipping list, and its date of arrival and the comparative abilities of students to be punctual to term, allowing for delays with the Director of Colonial Students, could perhaps be computed with some accuracy by, let us say, a Government Actuary.

ACADEME.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Hearing of the case against Nimori Genichiro, charged with having committed War Crimes in Hong Kong, on the High Seas and at Shanghai, August 1945, will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

The case was adjourned like last Tuesday due to the indisposition of Mr. G. O. Stewart, President of the War Crimes Court.

Accused was cautioned, and the rolled oats, weighing 5,210 pounds, were ordered to be consigned.

DISPUTE ENDS

Threat of a labour dispute involving the Colony's motor bus services was overcome at a conference of the management and the men at the Labour Office on Wednesday evening.

Full agreement was finally reached and signed by both parties.

Marine Court

It does not always pay to be obliging. Leung Shing, master of a motor junk, found to his cost yesterday when he was charged in the Marine Court with carrying 64 passengers without a licence.

Leung told Mr. J. Jolly that he knew it was an offence to carry passengers on his craft, but he was persuaded by the men, all seamen on a B. & S. ship, to take them across the harbour to Tai Koo Refinery. He was just obliging them.

A fine of \$75, or three weeks in default, was imposed.

For the first time since the liberation, four fishermen were charged yesterday with using bright lights for fishing at night in the harbour limits. They were Wan Yu-tak and Wong Muk-lee, who were apprehended off Green Island, and Leung Kiu and Cheng Hui-yun, operating in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter. All pleaded ignorance of the regulations, and Mr. Jolly said that as this was a first offence he would discharge them with a caution.

A further charge against the first two of failing to take out licences for their sampans was withdrawn. Accused said their licences were renewed in July, and an investigation was ordered.

Chan Cho, master of a motor junk on the Hong Kong-Swallow run, pleaded guilty when charged with having 165 passengers on board when in his clearance it was stated that no passengers were being carried.

S. I. Brown, prosecuting, said that most of the people were Chinese soldiers and Service personnel. The junk was licensed to carry 10 passengers. A fine of \$100 was imposed.

Wong Yan, master of a trading junk on the Hong Kong-Kongmoon run, in answer to a charge of leaving the Colony without clearance on Sept. 13, explained that he was merely going to Taun Wan to take on a cargo of oil for the Texaco Oil Co. to Kongmoon, and did not know that in going outside the harbour limit he was leaving the Colony.

Chief Junk Inspector Frank Brett, asked to explain the procedure, said that the junk should have applied for clearance in ballast and after taking on cargo at Taun Wan reported back to the Harbour Office. This was explained to defendant, who was discharged with a caution.

"Are You Allowed To Rob In China?"

"Is there any country in the world that permits robbery? Are you allowed to rob in China? There are too many people like you who come to Hong Kong for this kind of job."

This remark was passed by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court yesterday when sentencing Lam Choi and Wong Por to four years' hard labour for armed robbery and for possession of arms and ammunition.

Both accused asked for leniency, pleading that they came here to look for a job and that they were ignorant of the law in Hong Kong.

They first pleaded not guilty to the charges. As the first Crown witness entered the box to give evidence, they changed their minds and said they wished to plead guilty.

A third accused, Tam Chuen, is being detained at the Mental Hospital. His trial will be heard as soon as he is discharged.

The trio, with another not in custody, were accused of robbing the occupants of No. 89, Chun Heung Street, at 10.30 p.m. on July 12, last. One of the inmates of the house managed to escape and informed a passing Naval Patrol, who went in and arrested Lam Choi. The police arrived—and saw Wong climbing from the house to the next one.

The police fired two shots, and Wong submitted to arrest. Altogether three loaded revolvers were found among them. The third accused was arrested a few days later.

Commodore To Visit Macao

Commodore D. H. Everett, D.S.O., M.B.E., Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong, and Mrs. Everett will pay an informal visit to Macao during the week-end at the invitation of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of Macao, Comdr. Samuel Vieira.

Commodore and Mrs. Everett will be accompanied by the Commodore's Flag Lieutenant, Lieut. T. E. Cain, R.N.V.R.

The party will leave the Colony by launch this evening and will return on Sunday evening.

While in Macao, Commodore and Mrs. Everett will also pay a call on Mr. J. G. C. Hill-Murray, the new British Consul.

WIVES

The following names have been added to the Wives' Priority List: 9A Mrs. D.E.B. Peterson, 95B Mrs. H. Pearson, 112B Mrs. E.C. le Tissier, 247B Mrs. G. Redgood, 249A E.D. Edwards, 278D Mrs. R.M. Tucker, 278E Mrs. K. Seymour.

Pleading guilty to a charge of fraudulently stealing and consuming electricity Li Sul-chun, of 63, Tung Choi Street, was yesterday fined \$50 by the Magistrate, Mr. Horace Lo, in Kowloon Court and ordered to pay compensation of \$100 to the China Light and Power Co.

New Calculation For Food-Fuel Figures

A new method of calculating the Labour Officer's Food and Fuel Figures is now in use, which takes account, in the rice cost, of the issue in the Government ration of other farinaceous foods and of the average cost of a proportion of rice which is purchasable outside the Government ration.

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J'M FARLEY TO VISIT CHINA

London, Sept. 19. Mr. James Farley, who is among a party of 10 business men from the United States who will visit China next month on a "goodwill mission," has landed at Southampton in the Queen Mary. He was formerly President Roosevelt's Postmaster-General and close confidant.

On his arrival in London Mr. Farley said that he considered there were immense possibilities for American trade in the Far East. He added: "I believe that that applies to Britain too, if you have the ability to produce. But I don't know if you have. The failure to produce coal for export must affect your economy."

Mr. Farley, who is chairman of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, will take part in business talks here before he leaves for Lisbon. Before returning to the United States he will pay business visits to Australia and New Zealand.

TYPEWRITERS STOLEN

Five brand new "Imperial" typewriters were stolen from the godown of the Royal Naval Dockyard on September 14.

A furniture maker, Ng Pan, 36, and an unemployed Chinese, Ng Kwong-yeung, were ultimately arrested in connection with the case.

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistrate yesterday, the first accused admitted theft, and was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour. Second accused, who had a previous conviction, was sentenced to 15 months.

Detective Sub-Inspector Mischelko prosecuted.

Four men, all armed with revolvers, entered 316 Lockhart Road at 7.30 p.m. yesterday and got away with a fairly liberal haul. From the safe they took two metal wrist-watches, valued at \$50; from the shopkeeper, \$600 in cash; from his wife, gold earrings (\$50) and a gold ring (\$50); and from his mother, gold earrings (\$50). They then made good their escape.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Kwongai) 11 a.m.

Straits (Ninghai) 1 p.m.

Hainan (Masbate) 2 p.m.

Manila (Pres. Polk) 2 p.m.

Airmail for Singapore, Hongkong, Calcutta, Delhi, Johannesburg, Cairo, London, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) Kowloon, C.P.O., (Reg.) 1 p.m., (Ord.) 1.30 p.m.; G.P.O., (Reg.) 1.30 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Shanghai (Port Beauchamp) 3 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Chungking and Kunming (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Canton (Sai On) 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Airmail for Canton and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10 a.m.

Manila P.I. (Marino Flier) 10 a.m.

Formosa (Toy Yu) 10 a.m.

Tsankong (Kwongchowwan) (Tak On) 10 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok (Hermelin) 10 a.m.

U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (Hamilton Victory) (Par.) 2.30 p.m., (Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Labuan, B.N.B. (Hinsang) 3 p.m.

Australia via Sydney (Nellor) (Par.) 2.30 p.m., (Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Kunming and Chungking (C.A.T.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Kongmoon (Kwan Lui) 4 p.m.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Kwongai) (Reg.) 6 p.m. 21/9, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 22/9.

Canton (Fatsun) (Reg.) 5 p.m. 21/9, 10 a.m. 22/9.

Formosa (Shun Lee) (Reg.) 5 p.m. 21/9, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 22/9.

Airmail for Hainan, Kwelling, Hankow and Nanking (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 5 p.m. 21/9, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 22/9.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 23

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10 a.m.

Bangkok (Tahala) 10 a.m.

Straits and Rangoon (Hongkong) (Par.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Straits (Bamberton) noon.

Hainan (Promiss) 2 p.m.

Swatow and Amoy (Halyang) 2 p.m.

CHOU EN-LAI ON DANGERS OF NATIONAL SPLIT IN CHINA

(By Spencer Moosa)

Shanghai, Sept. 19.

Anachronism in Macao Law

Macao, Sept. 19.

Leung Keng Tou and three partners who came to Macao with NC\$1,000,000 for the purpose of purchasing fertilizers for their fields in Kin Mo, were taken into Police custody and subsequently committed for trial for a breach of Chinese National Currency Import Regulations.

Dr. Ferreira de Castro appeared for the defence and the local court found them not guilty. Although released, they now have to await the confirmation of the decision by a higher court, and the money was ordered to be deposited with the Banco Nacional Ultramarino until such a time as confirmation comes through.

During the War, when Central Reserve Bank notes were legal tender and there was a ban on Chinese National Currency notes in the occupied territories, it was necessary to protect the limited Portuguese paper money by a Bill restricting each person entering to NC\$500,000. Circumstances then warranted such a step. Now the restrictions are anachronistic.

The possible reactions of bona-fide persons, tourists or merchants, coming from any corner of China to Macao for legitimate purposes with Chinese money, and risking incarceration, can do no useful service to Macao.—Our Own Correspondent.

MONEY MART

Chinese National Currency yesterday was again lifeless, with rates stationary at \$1.29 for futures and \$1.43 for spot (for CN\$1,000).

Gold (futures) was firm and advanced from \$346 a tael at the opening to \$351 at the close. Gold (spot) also recovered and after opening at \$357 a tael reached \$365 at the close.

U.S. dollars continued in demand at \$4.71/\$4.74. Sterling had buyers at \$16, and Australian pounds at \$12.85.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai Sept. 19.
Closing quotations were:
Buying Selling
CN\$ CN\$
Gold per ounce 214,500 215,500
U.S. Dollars 3,430 3,460
Hong Kong Dollars 700 710
*Unofficial market.
—Associated Press.

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They were provided with accommodation by the Y.M.C.A. and personal attention was given to see they were comfortably accommodated.

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The danger of the situation in China leading to a complete national split and wholesale enlargement of the civil war was emphasized by Gen. Chou En-lai, Communist No. 2, in an interview with the Associated Press before his return to Nanking.

It was a matter of course, Chou said, that the Communist forces would launch counter-attacks in areas where conditions were favourable to them and consequently, he declared, it would be "unavoidable" for them to score advances.

One of the principal reasons why the Kuomintang dared to wage this "ruthless civil war," Chou said, was the support extended to it by the United States Government. Suspension of American assistance and withdrawal of American forces from China would, he contended, make peace "immediately attainable."

The Soviet Government, Chou said in reply to a question, had at no time rendered aid to the Chinese Communist Party. The Chinese Communists, he declared, were a political party and as such had no direct relations with the Soviet Government.

All Soviet assistance to China had gone exclusively to the Kuomintang, first when it was a revolutionary party, and secondly, in the early stages of the Sino-Japanese war. Such assistance, Chou stressed, was given when there was no civil war in China.

Lagging Behind

As for medical and other humanitarian relief in the "liberated areas," the Soviet Government, Chou said, lagged far behind the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

The only country with which the Communists maintained what might be called "diplomatic relations," Chou said, was the United States—not Russia.

The Communists, he explained, had "diplomatic dealings" with the United States in the peace negotiations, as well as in the work of the Sino-American Executive Headquarters at Peiping and its field teams.

Chou said he did not believe in the theory that the civil war in China would automatically lead to World War III.

"Some people," he said, "subscribe to this theory, particularly warlike and other Fascist elements, but the people of the world do not want to see another and still more devastating war."

—Associated Press.

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A large quantity of railway building materials will be shortly shipped to Foochow for the construction of new railway lines in Fukien province.—Reuter.

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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Rangoon, Sept. 18.

The Secretary of the Burma Press Union in a letter to the Governor of Burma urged the repeal of the "anti-democratic" press emergency powers act, which he says, is undesirable.

He added: "Unless the press is convinced that facilities for developing a free press are liberally afforded the fight with the new as the main weapon will be continued till complete freedom of the press is achieved."—Reuter.

GROVER

The Crown has entered a nolle prosequi in the case concerning George James Grover, 40, who was charged with collaboration under the Defence Regulations.

Grover was accused of doing an act with intent to assist the enemy in serving in the Japanese Imperial Army Investigation section by locating petrol and food dumps following the occupation. He was committed for trial on August 17.

The "Axis Trio" Never Trusted Each Other

Tokyo, Sept. 19.

Deputy Prosecutor Frank S. Tavenner Jr., today opened a new phase of the case against Japanese high wartime officials before the International Military Tribunal here when he tried to prove that the Japanese militarists and not civilian leaders of the Japanese Government, had negotiated the Axis pacts.

"I will prove that negotiations for military pacts were conducted through Japanese military channels," Tavenner said as he read a statement in which defendant Hiroshi Oshima, one-time ambassador to Germany, admitted secret dealings with Joachim von Ribbentrop.

"I will prove the Japanese Army was strong enough to force its will upon the government," he declared.

"That is something new! Does Mr. Tavenner speak for himself for the entire prosecution?" defence attorney William Logan asked.

Tribunal president Sir William Webb smiled at the defence's quick grasp at the point—that if the prosecution admitted that the military held such a strong grip on the government, Cabinet members and other government leaders on trial were not guilty of plotting the war but of merely carrying out the iron orders of the military.

"The Tribunal would also like to know," said Sir William, remarking that he presumed

Oshima said a German aircraft salesman named Hack introduced him to Ribbentrop who told him frankly that Hitler knew nothing of the negotiations, and not to feel badly if the German Government would not back him up. Oshima added that he took the matter up with the Japanese military leaders and not with the Foreign Office, "because it was simply a military matter."

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British M.P.s. In Tokyo

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The five British M.P.s. who reached here early today, started a nine-day inspection tour of Japan with a visit to the Japanese Diet and luncheon with General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander.

"We are busy gaining impressions at present," replied Labourite M.P. Titterton (Bradford, South) to newsmen seeking to ask questions.

The Britons went immediately about the task of observing Japan. After a meeting with Premier Yoshida and his Cabinet, they went to the Gallery of the House of Representatives where they listened to a debate about Japanese members of the House had applauded them when they were introduced by the speaker of the House, Takeshi Yamazaki.

Afterwards, 25 members of all the major parties in the Diet gathered around in a round table session where an informal discussion lasting more than an hour was held.

Others in the five-man group are: Reverend Gordon Lang, Labour, (Stalybridge and Hyde Division, Cheshire); Lieutenant-Colonel Evelyn Mansfield King, Labour (Farnham and Farnham Division, Cornwall); Brigadier Fitzroy Hew Maclean, Conservative, (Lancaster); and Commander Thomas Dunlop Galbraith, Conservative, (Pollok division, Glasgow).

They were greeted at the airport and accompanied to the Diet and Parliament by Lieutenant-General C.H. Gairner and Ambassador A.D.G. Gascoigne.—Associated Press.

UNRRA Shipments Over Million Ton Mark

Shanghai, Sept. 19. UNRRA shipments to China have passed the 1,000,000 ton mark with the discharge at Shanghai of 51,020 long tons from 15 ships, UNRRA announced.

Since the arrival on November 8 last year of the first UNRRA cargo, 315 ships have discharged relief and rehabilitation supplies in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tientsin, Amoy and Hankow.

Shanghai has been the main China port for UNRRA ships, with 222,293 long tons unloaded from 255 ships. Hong Kong is second with 46 vessels unloaded.—Reuter.

Criticism

Shanghai, Sept. 18. At a meeting of UNRRA's Far Eastern Council here today the U.S. delegate, D. S. Gilpatrick, discussing figures of UNRRA shipments to China, criticised the slowness of shipment inland and said that at the present rate it would take another 15 months to discharge the original programme of 1,500,000 tons additional to the 1,000,000 already landed.

He pointed out that the request by the Far Eastern Council of UNRRA to prolong the life of UNRRA in China had been turned down and operations must end on June 30 next.

Major-General Edgerton, now director of UNRRA's China office, replying, maintained that distinct progress had been made under difficult conditions and expected further speeding up of distribution shortly.

No reduction in the UNRRA programme for China was necessary or advisable, he added.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Restrictions On Trade

London, Sept. 18. Speaking at a lunch given to him today in London by the Brazilian Chamber of Commerce in Britain, the Brazilian Foreign Minister, Senhor Jono Neves de Fontoura, said:—"The great conflict of 1939, by interrupting the peaceful progress of the world, also harmed the commercial relations between our two countries, relations which had by that time entered a period of even greater expansion. "Thank God, those days are over and as soon as the freedom of communication is re-established and trade completely restored, England and Brazil will continue on the productive road of mutual exchanges and profit."

"Certain administrative restrictions, made necessary by the war, unfortunately still exist, hampering producers and consumers alike. "There is no perceptible reason why these should still be necessary. Once these restrictions and difficulties have disappeared, one can be hopeful of a further expansion in the economic and financial cooperation of the two peoples."—Reuter.

Economists Worry Over Price Trends

New York, Sept. 19. Prices are increasing with monotonous regularity in the United States, causing economists more and more to study the inflation-deflation aftermath of the war of 1914-1918 for possible indications of an economic parallel in the price cycle. Will there be a repetition of the sudden reversal of price trends such as occurred after the First World War?

That depends upon how much the people of the world are willing to pay for the goods and foods and equipment and raw materials they need to improve their living standards, restore their national industries and rebuilding their cities.

There are indications that some importing nations believe prices of some commodities are too high now.

The United States Department of Agriculture has announced the buying of dried eggs for Britain will end because the British are unwilling to pay the prices asked by producers. Other foreign missions are reported to be delaying or curtailing their purchases in the United States and other markets because of high prices.

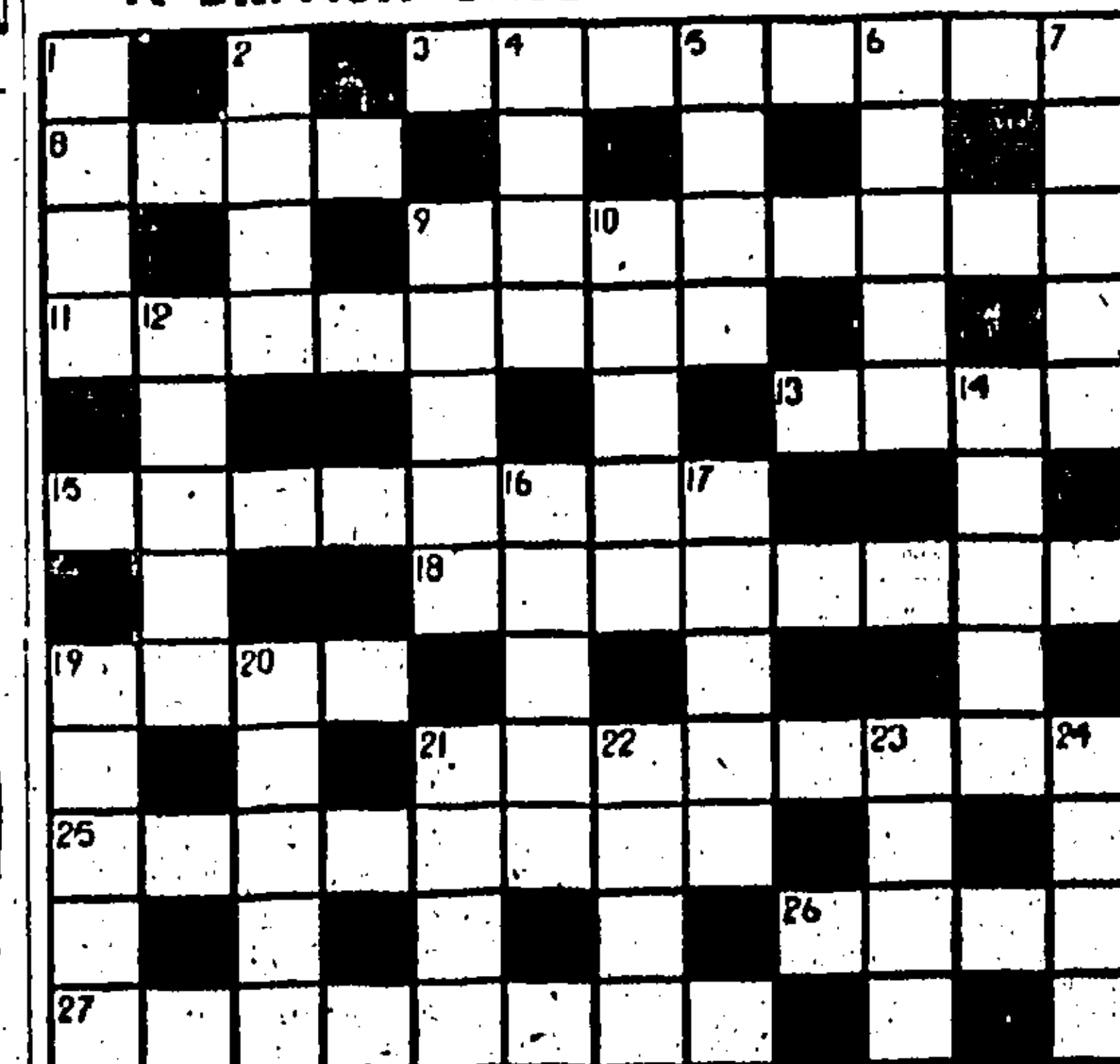
Some United States businessmen have returned empty-handed from tours of European markets, and report that prices asked for handkerchiefs, glassware, textile and other merchandise are so high that the goods could not be sold profitably to the American consumer.

In the United States, retail shops report individual buyers in some instances refuse to accept non-standard products that would have been bought eagerly a year ago. The buyers prefer known types and brands of merchandise. But as the production of consumer and other goods increases, economists believe the refusal to buy trend may become general. While this would not constitute an organized buyers strike, such as some union leaders have urged, it could become a strong enough economic factor to force competitive price reductions some economists anticipate for the coming months.—Associated Press.

DALECKI CAUGHT

Frankfurt, Sept. 18. Peter Dalecki, former head of the crematorium at the notorious concentration camp for Jews at Maidanek in Poland, has been arrested. The American News Service in Germany reported today.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Across

3. Nervy. 16. Higher in rank. 6. Welcome. 9. Cut into two 19. Legend. equal parts. 21. Travel document. 11. Twists out of shape. 20. Scout gathering. 13. Denomination. 26. Burn. 15. Muddled. 27. Fragrant.

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Yesterday's Crossword

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FRANCO WILL STILL HAVE TO FOOT THE BILL

Madrid, Sept. 19. Generalissimo Franco's Government may soon find itself in the paradoxical position of settling with the United Nations for the money and arms Germany provided to help her bring him to power.

German and Italian aid to Franco began soon after his rising in July 18, 1936, against the Spanish Republic. Mussolini's bill for help to Franco came to 5,000,000,000 lire between 1939 and 1945.

Last December, Spain signed a trade agreement with the post-war Italian Government, fixing the balance due Italy at 410,000,000 because of the drop in the value of the lire. A spokesman of the Spanish Foreign Ministry called this

balance "a debt of honour." Hitler's bill has never been published, but informed sources estimate it at 400,000,000 to 600,000,000 reichsmarks—pre-war value 410,000,000 to 450,000,000. It is estimated that Spain paid off 300,000,000 reichsmarks by shipping much-needed goods to Germany during the war. Now the Allied Control Council, as trustee for the German people, is settling accounts with neutrals. Agreements have been reached with Switzerland and Sweden and negotiations are under way with Portugal.

NEWSPAPERS ON STRIKE

Beirut, Sept. 18. All Beirut newspapers struck today as a protest against the Government practice of frequently suspending their publication. Today, two papers, including the French daily "Orient," were suspended since they made a total of six newspapers suspended. The reasons given were various criticisms of internal affairs.—Reuter.

IN ENGLAND NOW

Herford, Sept. 19. Along with their other troubles, Germans are harassed with innumerable forms and questionnaires, the name as people in a number of other countries, but they manage to joke about it. Among the latest questions asked the joke would have it, were: 1. Are you still alive; if so, state source of supply? 2. Did you ever play with toy soldiers as a child? If so, state what arm of the service. Give details of formation.

Last Of The Mohicans

London, Sept. 19. The last of the chartered trading companies which, with Royal blessing, followed the lure of gold to carve large segments of the Empire out of distant wildernesses, is fading away into the history of kingdom-building that began with Good Queen Bess. The British North Borneo Company is giving up the ghost—reluctantly, and at Government request. Its 30,000 square-mile domain, once the stronghold of head-hunting "Wild Men of Borneo," has become a Crown Colony. The Colonial Office already has taken over the administration, transferring the chartered company's employees to Government service on lease.—Associated Press.

GREECE FAILS

Paris, Sept. 18. Greece failed tonight in the Italian Economic Committee of the Paris conference to secure a provision in the Italian peace treaty for repayment by Italy of war indemnity of about \$195,000 enacted during the Italian occupation.

The voting was 16-1. After Greece had put her case the other delegates, notably M. Alphonse of France and M. Aurinjan of Russia, said they could not understand why the claim was not included as part of the reparations settlement. The Russian delegate said it looked like an attempt to secure 100 per cent reparations on this particular claim.—Reuter.

Vatican City, Sept. 18. The "Osservatore Romano" announced today that Pope Pius has elevated to the titular seat of Tertullian, Father Anders Van Den Brink, of the Society of African Missions, naming him at the same time conditor of Monsignor Gullio Girard, apostolic vicar of the Nile delta.—Associated Press.

Skymaster Feared Lost In Atlantic

London, Sept. 18. Flight Headquarters at Shannon airport, Ireland, now presume that the Belgian Sabena Skymaster airliner on a trip to Gander, Newfoundland, is lost. A radio signal picked up at 7.37 p.m. this morning was the last thing heard of the airliner which was due to arrive at Gander at 7.20.

Up to a late hour, tonight no trace of it had been seen, a member of the Sabena airline in London said. He added the location of the aircraft was not known at the time the last message had been picked up, nor was it known if the message was a distress signal.

The plane was stated to be carrying 37 passengers and seven crew. It left Shannon at 9.40 p.m. yesterday.

(An Agency message from New York quoted the Airlines agent, Mr. Bernard Martens, as saying there was a possibility the plane might have landed at Goose Bay, Labrador).—Reuter.

Egyptian Watch On Suez

Cairo, Sept. 19. The Egyptian army's watch in the desert wastes along the Suez canal, a chapter of World War II obscured at the time by action at El Alamein and elsewhere, has been related by Egyptian sources who said not a single ship was sunk or damaged by aeroplanes or rifles while the Egyptian troops were on duty in the Canal Zone.

These sources added that, in one of several commendations by British army officers, the cooperation of the chief staff officer of the Egyptian army in the canal area was credited "very largely" with keeping the waterway open to shipping at all the most vital stages of the war and, through the provision of guards and other personnel, with enabling the British to reduce their forces in the Canal area and to use them for more active operations.—Associated Press.

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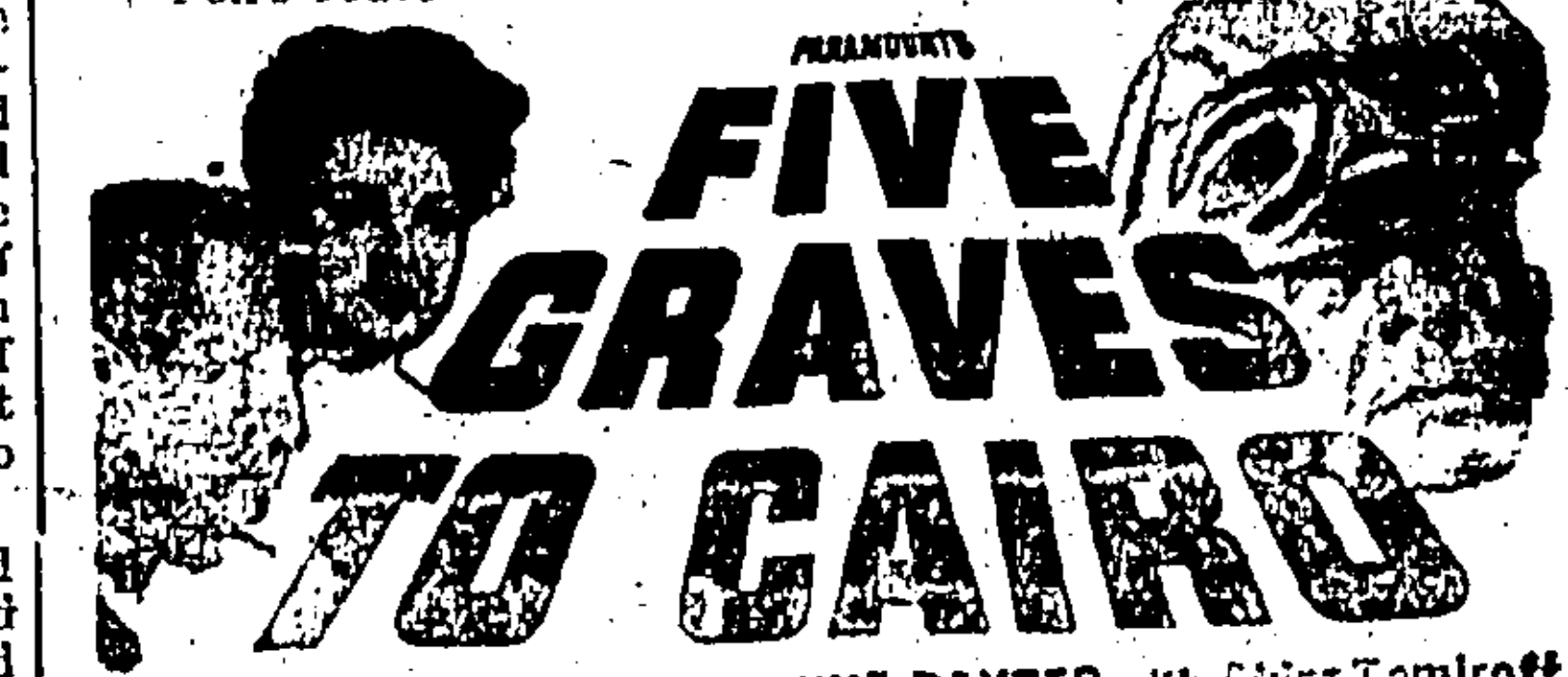
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Britain's Agreement With The Argentine

(By Sydney Gampell)

London, Sept. 18.

Britain's negotiations with India and other holders of sterling balances will be vitally helped by the terms which Argentina has accepted for her existing 130 million sterling balances. On all its three heads—sterling balances, meat and railway—the Anglo-Argentine agreement announced here yesterday evening is regarded in London as mutually advantageous to both countries.

In the place of Argentina's original demand that all this sterling should be immediately freed or alternatively that it should carry 2½ per cent interest, the agreement provides that a great part of it will remain blocked in London, carrying only half per cent interest.

All Argentina's future accretions of sterling from now on will be free. She can convert them into gold dollars or any other currency that she wishes, and \$5,000,000 will be freed in each of the next four years. All the remainder can be used only in the sterling areas for repatriating Argentine sterling debts or British investments in Argentina.

Argentina is also entitled to transfer a lump sum of \$10,000,000 to Brazil. The amount of \$4,500,000 in gold, which Argentina has held here since the outbreak of war, is also freed. The freeing of Argentina's currently accruing sterling merely anticipates the action which under the Anglo-American loan agreement Britain has undertaken to apply to all her suppliers by next July.

Four Years

The meat agreement runs for four years from October 1940. In the first year, Britain is to get not less than 83 per cent and in the second year not less than 78 per cent of Argentina's total exportable surplus. Argentina reserves not more than 17 per cent in the first year and 22 per cent in the second year for other markets. Prices, now under discussion, are to be at least 45 per cent above the prices of the first bulk contract made at the outbreak of war.

It is explained in London that existing prices are already about 35 per cent above that level and that this would mean a further advance of only about 7½ per cent. Prices when agreed will be fixed for the first two years but will be open to revision for each of the next two years. In addition, Argentina is to get a single cash payment of \$5,000,000 in free sterling.—Reuter.

N.Y. COTTON

New York, Sept. 19.
Cotton futures broke sharply in late trading on a flurry of commission house liquidation and professional selling, closing \$1.40 to \$1.80 a bale lower.

Oct. 30.63, Dec. 30.43, March 30.02-05, July 30.18, Oct. 32.02 nominal, Middling spot 37.03 nominal.

New Orleans Cotton futures closed \$1.30 to \$1.85 a bale lower.

Oct. 30.70, Dec. 30.48-49, March 30.01-04, May 30.70-74, July 30.10, Spot cotton \$1.50 a bale lower, middling 36.40.—Associated Press.

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SWITZERLAND'S MERCANTILE MARINE

Berne, Sept. 19.
Private shipping interests in landlocked Switzerland have an eye on the high seas for future commercial enterprise now that the Swiss Federal Council has announced that the Government is not interested in expanding its fleet of four ships.

Shipping circles here and in Basle have been discussing the possibilities of keeping the Swiss flag on the ocean trade routes, in some cases with foreign capital. Some British interests have been approached.

The matter came to the fore when National Councillor Gottlieb Duttweiler, railroad and hotel operator, suggested that Government purchase about 200,000 tons in Liberty or Victory ships.

The Swiss Federal Council replied that the Government was in the shipping business only until normal shipping conditions were restored, but added that it would give encouragement to private Swiss enterprise in maintaining a merchant marine under the Swiss flag.

The Government's four ships will be disposed of under the present plans. The Swiss merchant marine was established as a wartime emergency. Four vessels were purchased by the Government, four by private interests and eight were chartered from Greece.—Associated Press.

Civil Servant Wives Live Placid Lives

London, Sept. 19.
The Officers' Pensions Society has sent to Mr. Attlee, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Dalton and Mr. P. A. general a memorandum calling attention to the inadequacy of non-attributable widows' pensions.

Non-attributable pensions are mainly applicable to widows of long-service regular officers and often are the only provision a regular officer is able to make for his widow.

The memorandum makes the following comparison between the pensions of widows of Civil Servants and those of fighting service officers:

Secy of Treasury	£565
Secretaries	£408
Deputy Secretary	£393
Under Secretary	£433
Assistant Secy.	£610
Admiral of Fleet	£300
Admiral	£225
Vice Admiral	£187/10
Captain	£109
Commander	£ 90

In contents that the wife of a fighting service officer has a better claim to a higher widow's pension than the wife of a Civil Servant who, it says, enjoys probably "the most placid and sheltered life of anyone in the country."

New Post-War British Tweeds

London, Sept. 19.
Outstanding in the fight for fashion leadership are the new post-war British tweeds. At a London fashion parade for home and overseas markets lightweight tweeds were used for dresses with draped skirts and hips, without appearing in the least clumsy.

Many of the dresses and suits displayed had already been ordered by overseas buyers. One reason for the demand for British tweeds is that they are being so skillfully woven that they lend themselves to the new fashion for soft draping.

Long tunic jackets, some within nine inches of the skirt hem, are autumn trends for tweed suits. New fashion details are wide leather belts to emphasize a neat and slightly lower waist, square collarless necklines with tucked-in fur tie and large "highwayman" cuffs.

Economic Paralysis Of Germany

(By Sigrid Arne)

Washington, Sept. 19.
Even after the 21-nation debate at Paris breaks up, the Big Four still must decide what to do with Germany. One solution was spelled out in detail at Potsdam, when President Truman flew to a conference with Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee while the bricks of Berlin were still hot from battle.

Precious little of that agreement has come into effect. In the meantime Germany has been operated, as Secretary of States James Byrnes puts it, "as four air-tight compartments." The result Byrnes calls "economic paralysis."

Besides, in a year, \$50,000,000 of American money has been poured into Germany. The United Kingdom, which can stand it less, has paid \$80,000,000 to run the country.

Recently Byrnes proposed cooperation with any of the Big Four—the United Kingdom, France, or Russia—to tie together all or parts of Germany's finance, transportation, communications, foreign trade and industry.

Those activities are listed in the Potsdam agreement as the parts of German life which would be operated as units under Allied control. They have not been, despite United States needling. Each of the four zones has been maintained separately with little information handed out.

Almost immediately the British agreed with the U.S. plan. From Russia came a startling suggestion by Foreign Minister Molotov to build up a centralized German Government. France is reluctant to join any plan that will not place the iron and steel areas of the Ruhr and the Saar under international control.

Russia Startles

America and Britain are going ahead with plans to tie the production of their two zones together. Already, at Essen, a liaison group is working out plans for sharing iron and steel production. Experts say that together they could work out a system under which the costs to the two governments would at least begin to drop next year. The experts say, also, that many Germans would start toward a democratic life.

If Russia stays out—and no one here will hazard a guess on her choice when the Big Four Ministers finally meet to talk Germany's future—the world would be faced with a Europe split down the middle, with a democratic capitalist system separated by a line from one that is Communist-totalitarian.

Guesses

There are guesses here that Russia would find that atmosphere no more healthy than Americans consider it.

Here is what the Anglo-American zones can do alone: The British have the important iron and steel centres and one of the world's best coal deposits in their area.

American officers have said the U.S. drew only "yodels and scenery" in its occupation zone, but the zone actually includes many factories that turn out machinery, tyres and consumer goods—or would if they get the coal and steel from the British zone.

The big thing, U. S. State

Department German experts say, is to rush coal production in the British zone. But split control works this way:—Mines in the British zone need repairs with the machinery made in the United States zone. Coal must come from the British zone to the American zone to get out that machinery. Then, after the machinery is in place, enough food must get to the German coal miners to let

them work a full week.—Associated Press.

Politburo's Aim Of World Domination

(By Thomas Boynton)

New York, Sept. 19.
Fourteen men, members of the Politburo, hold absolute power in Russia today and "have dedicated their lives to the establishment of a Communist society throughout the world," writes Victor Kravchenko, formerly a high Soviet official, in the September issue of "Fortune" magazine.

Of the 14, Foreign Minister Molotov is called "after Stalin, the most important man in the U.S.S.R." and the man considered by other Russian politicians as Stalin's probable successor.

To fulfill their world ambition, says Kravchenko, this handful of men "exact incredible sacrifice from 200,000,000 people who inhabit one-sixth of the earth."

These are "hard-headed men," the author declares, who "change their tactics when necessary, cooperating with other nations and governments when it is to their advantage." But, he emphasises, "they are convinced that Communism and capitalism can never live together and that sooner or later one will triumph over the other."

Because of this, Kravchenko says that all Soviet Government activities "are motivated by the determination to keep the scales of history tipped at all times in its favour."

(Kravchenko was a Communist Party member for 15 years. He served the Soviet Government as a chief engineer in its metallurgical industry. He was wartime chief of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Republic's wartime Department of War Engineering and Armament before coming to the United States as an economic emissary to the Soviet purchasing commission. He broke away from both party and government in 1944 and is the author of the best-selling book "I Chose Freedom," published by Scribner's, which is sharply critical of Russian Government

ENGLISH TEAM

London, Sept. 19.

After an overnight trial at Nottingham, the England selectors today announced the following team to oppose Ireland at Belfast on September 29:

Swift (Manchester City) goal, Scott (Aston) and Hardwick (Middlesbrough) backs, Wright (Wolverhampton), Franklin (Stoke) and Cockburn (Manchester United), half-backs, Matthews (Stoke), Carter (Derby), Lawton (Chelsea), Mannion (Middlesbrough) and Langton (Blackburn), forwards. Reserves were: Shimmell (Sheffield United), Welch (Charlton) and Finney (Preston-Northend).—Reuter.

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While granting the white, yellow and black peoples beyond the seas greatly increased independence, France would maintain the preponderant rule of administrator of the affairs of the territories, which would pool their resources—including those of the military—for the common good.

Details of representation in the Fourth House have not yet been decided, but it would comprise both members of the overseas possessions and of France. The latter would be chosen, in an as yet unspecified manner, by the Council of the Republic.

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Southport, Sept. 18.

In a gale of wind and blustering rainstorms, Bobby Locke and Norman Von Nida made a dramatic recovery to beat Dai Rees and Charles Ward by four up and three to play in the 4500 72-hole challenge golf match at Ainsdale here today.

Starting the day three down, the Dominion pair battled successfully through the worst possible conditions to begin the final 18 holes all square.

In perfect harmony they went ahead for the first time in the match at the second hole, last round, when Locke was the only one of four to reach the green in two. The Australian gave him support with a win in four at the fifth and Von Nida made it three up with a fine chip shot at the ninth.

A succession of halts followed until the thirteenth. The home pair, bludgeoned at the fourteenth hole, to allow the overseas couple to become dormy four. A half in three at a short fifteen settled the match.—Reuter.

H.K. Soccer Programme

The following is the soccer programme for the opening games of the Football season.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28, 1946

First Division

Sing Tao vs. Club.
Club ground at 5.45 p.m.
Referee:—Capt. J. P. England.
Linesmen:—A. E. P. Guest and L. F. Roberts.

1/5 Cdo. vs. C.A.S.C.
Navy ground, Causeway Bay at 5 p.m.
Referee:—Lt. L. G. Young
Linesmen:—F. A. Barretto and J. F. da Silva.

44 R.M. Cdo. vs. Navy.
Sokunpoo ground at 5 p.m.
Referee:—K. K. Ip.
Linesmen:—N. T. Delgado and L/S. D. Sparrow.

Second Division

Sing Tao vs. Club.
Club ground at 5.45 p.m.
Referee:—A. E. P. Guest

42 Cdo. vs. C.A.S.C.
Navy ground, Causeway Bay at 5.45 p.m.
Referee:—F. A. Barretto.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29, 1946

First Division

R.A.F. vs. 45 Cdo.
Sokunpoo ground at 5 p.m.
Referee:—J. F. da Silva.
Linesmen:—Sigm. Filmer and A. E. P. Guest.

Eastern vs. South China A.A.
Navy ground, Causeway Bay at 5 p.m.
Referee:—C.P.O. J. H. Rogers.
Linesmen:—Lt. L. G. Young and L/S. D. Sparrow.

Kwong Wah vs. St. Joseph's.
Club ground at 5 p.m.
Referee:—Lac. F. Roberts.
Linesmen:—N. T. Delgado and F. A. Barretto.

Second Division

Dockyard F.C. vs. South China A.A.
Navy ground, Causeway Bay at 5.45 p.m.
Referee:—L/S. D. Sparrow.

Kwong Wah vs. Kit Che.
Club ground at 5.45 p.m.
Referee:—N. T. Delgado

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MONDAY, SEPT. 30, 1946

Second Division

44 Cdo. R.M. vs. Navy.
Sokunpoo ground at 4 p.m.
Referee:—L/S. D. Sparrow.

387 Coy. R.A.S.C. vs. Travancore
Sokunpoo ground at 5.15 p.m.
Referee:—F. A. Barretto.

Police vs. H.K. Wireless Centre.
Chatham Road ground at 5.15 p.m.
Referee:—Lac. F. Roberts.

3 Cdo. Bde. H.Q. vs. 45 Cdo.
Chatham Road ground at 4 p.m.
Referee:—Capt. J. P. England.

H.K. Chinese Cadre vs. H.K. Signal Coy.
Happy Valley, Navy ground at 5.15 p.m.
Referee:—N. T. Delgado.

RADIO

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20, 1946

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H.K.T.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—The Krakerjacks and the Bevel Sisters.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—"London and Funnies"—Variety.
1.30 p.m.—Orchestral Favorites.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—Film Favorites.
3.00 p.m.—Sydney Ryle and His Orchestra.
3.20 p.m.—Organ Interlude: Resplendent Foot.
3.30 p.m.—Studio: Rosa Garcia, George, and the Rhythmic Three.
3.40 p.m.—London Tally News.
3.45 p.m.—Musical Mood.
3.55 p.m.—"The English Tunes"—No. 1.
4.00 p.m.—"Miracle and Morality Plays."
4.15 p.m.—George Reganier and His Orchestra.
4.30 p.m.—Studio: Variety Reunions.
4.40 p.m.—London Transmission Service: "The English Tunes"—No. 2.
4.55 p.m.—"Miracle and Morality Plays."
5.00 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.
5.15 p.m.—Philharmonia Symphonic Orchestra of New York.
5.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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